

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 438
By Westmoreland

A RESOLUTION to proclaim the week of May 13-19, 1996 as
"Shriners' Week in Tennessee".

WHEREAS, the Shrine of North America is one of the most laudable charitable organizations with a significant presence in our Nation and our Great State; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, Shriners' Hospitals have been helping crippled and burned children in need and today they operate a 22-hospital pediatric and burn health care system offering world-class medical care at no charge to these children with orthopedic disabilities or burn injuries; and

WHEREAS, more than 500,000 children have been treated at these fine hospitals which are at the forefront of advanced medical treatment and research in North America; and

WHEREAS, Shriners' Hospitals have accomplished this tremendous task without insurance moneys or government assistance; they operate solely and effectively on charitable contributions, with less than four percent of their operating budget going to administrative or fund-raising costs; and

WHEREAS, Shriners' Hospitals for crippled children offer much needed medical care and services to more than 5,000 children each year in Tennessee, and members of Tennessee Shrine Temples work diligently to provide transportation to and from the hospitals for patients, sponsor the children in their local areas, and raise funds for hospital activities; and

WHEREAS, the Shrine in Tennessee is comprised of five regional offices or temples, including locations in Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, within each temple, one can find men from every walk of life - doctors, attorneys, retired military, politicians, farmers, manufacturing workers, and policemen - and each of these men works selflessly toward a common goal: the betterment of the children left in their care; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the State of Tennessee, it is appropriate that we honor the good works of the 20,000 members of the Shrine in Tennessee, and respectfully proclaim the week of May 13-19, 1996, "Shriners' Week in Tennessee"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the esteemed members of the Shrine organization and proclaim the week of May 13-19, 1996, "Shriners' Week in Tennessee" in celebration of their many good works.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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